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Application No. 09/997,573

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on September 25, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

On April 24, 2006, the examiner mailed an examiner's answer. In the Grounds of Rejection section, paragraph (9), of the examiner's answer, references were applied to the statement of

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rejections but were not listed in the Evidence Relied Upon section, paragraph (8). Before further review, the examiner must submit a revised examiner's answer that will include in the Evidence Relied Upon section, the list of references mentioned in the statement of rejections. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure § 1207.02. Appropriate correction is required.

Also, the Information Disclosure Statement dated May 31, 2002, was not considered by the Primary Examiner with respect to compliance with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. A written communication notifying appellants of the Primary Examiner's decision is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that this application be returned to the examiner for: 1) the issuance of a revised Examiner's Answer, having the missing references listed under the Evidence Relied Upon section, paragraph (8); 2) for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement dated May 31, 2002; 3) written communication to appellants of such consideration; and 4) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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